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EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to carry out quarterly and annual employment surveys based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the design and parameters of the survey;

(c) the time by which it is likely to commence; and

(d) the manner in which this survey is likely to differ from the all India employment survey carried out by the Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (c): The 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation includes the proposal to carry out the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). The main objective of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is to measure quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market in urban areas as well as to generate the annual estimates of different labour force indicators both in rural and urban areas. The survey design includes rotational sampling in urban areas and cross-sectional sampling in rural areas.

The Annual estimates of the parameters (both rural and urban areas) will broadly inter- alia cover (i) Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) & Unemployment Rate (UR), (ii) Distribution of workers by industry and occupation, and (iii) Average earnings of self-employed, regular wage/salaried and casual workers. The quarterly estimates of changes for urban areas will inter-alia cover Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR).

(d): The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) will give the estimates of quarterly change in important parameters on labour force in the urban areas. The annual Employment and Unemployment surveys conducted by Labour Bureau are not designed for estimating the quarterly changes in any labour force parameters. Besides, the survey methodologies of these two surveys are different in aspects like coverage, survey period, reference period, etc.